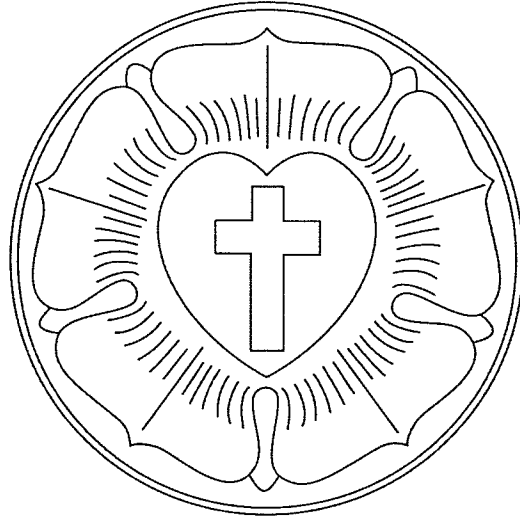


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

Our Mission Statement

*"A Fellowship of Believers in Jesus Christ dedicated to
proclaiming God's Love to ALL through Word and Deed."*



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Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 15, 2023
10:00 AM

- P for Pastor's part of the Liturgy
C for Congregation's part of the Liturgy
* Those who are able, are asked to stand.
+ A time one may use the sign of the cross.

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (Green Book)
WOV = With One Voice (Blue Book)

GATHERING

(Joel 2:15-17, Matt. 18:20, Acts 2:1-13)

THE FIRST PRELUDE "Brightest and Best" Rasley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND PRELUDE "Soon and Very Soon" Andrae Crouch
Salem Choir

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** **LBW P. 56**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

* **THE GATHERING HYMN** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

(Psalm 149:1-4)

WOV # 649
(Blue book)

* **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

LBW P. 57

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

THE WORD

(1 Peter 1:25, Isaiah 55:10-11, Col. 3:16, Jere. 2:14, 1 Tim. 4:13)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.
² He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;

in his quiver he hid me away.
³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God."
⁵ And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶ he says:
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
⁷ Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
the servant of rulers:
"Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm will be read responsively

PSALM: Psalm 40:1-11

¹I waited patiently up on the LORD,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴**Happy are they who trust in the LORD!**

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none
can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can
count.

⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not
required.**

⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸**"I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within me."**

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of
your faithfulness and your deliverance;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great
assembly.**

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—

⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Celtic Alleluia” WOV # 613

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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*** GOSPEL**

P THE HOLY GOSPEL: **John 1:29-42**



²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter). (ESV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.



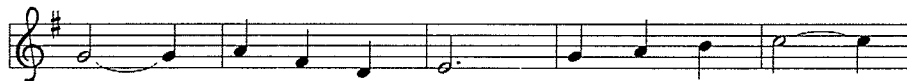
THE SERMON

(Isa. 55:10-11, John 6:68, Psalm 119:41-42)

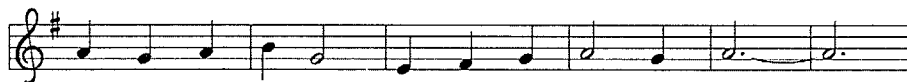
* THE HYMN OF THE DAY "Christ, Be Our Light"



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



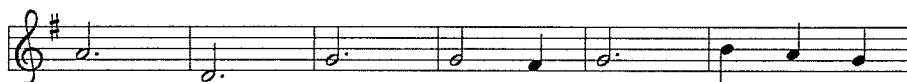
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

LBW P. 65

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*** THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

(1 Tim. 2:1-2)

**P Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer**

*** THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

(Matt. 5:23-24, John 14:27, John 20:19, Romans 16:16)

**P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.**

THE ORGAN OFFERTORY "Ever Faithful, Ever Near" Ritter
(Isa. 58:6-7, Matt. 25:35)
(offering plates are available at the back of the sanctuary and narthex)

* THE OFFERTORY

“Let the vineyards”

WOV P. 35



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

* THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

LBW P. 87

P Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**
(Lamentations 3:41, 2 Thess. 1:3)

LBW P. 88

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a 'P' (Piano) dynamic marking. The second staff begins with a 'C' (Crescendo) dynamic marking. The fourth staff begins with a 'C' (Crescendo) dynamic marking.

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*** THE PREFACE**
(Psalm 36:4)

LBW P. 68

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
(Isa. 6:3, Matt. 21:9)

WOV P. 36

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*** THE HOLY COMMUNION**

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;
you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will
and accomplished our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving Passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought, but as we are able;
and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,
and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine;
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body,
and have our portion with all your saints.
All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, now and forever.

C Amen

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

LBW P. 71

(Matt. 6:9-13)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

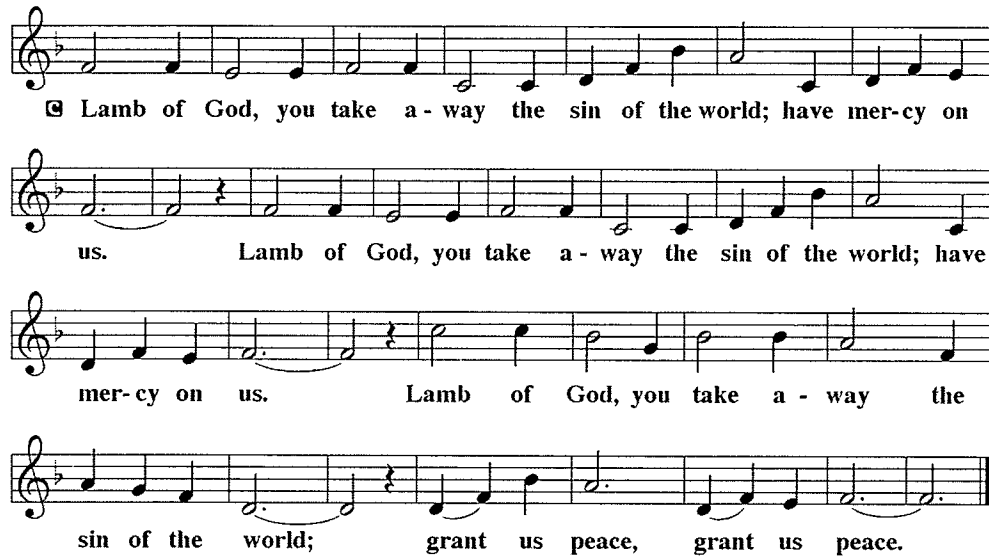
**C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

*** FRACTION**
(1 Cor. 10:16-17)

*** THE COMMUNION CANTICLE** "Lamb of God"
(John 1:29, Rev. 5:11-12)

WOV P. 39



☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT
(1 Cor. 11:27-34)

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Please note: receiving in one kind (only the body or only the blood) is a full Holy Communion.

COMMUNION HYMN (after the Communion Prelude)
"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!"

LBW # 76

* THE COMMUNION BLESSING

LBW P. 72

(John 6:53-54)

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

* THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thankful hearts" WOV P. 40



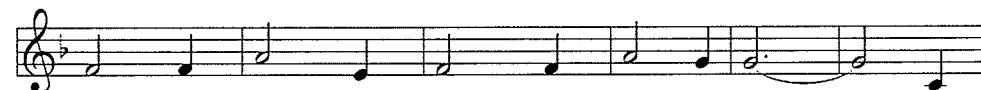
☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -



one what God has done. Let all who seek the



Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and



lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

*** THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

LBW P. 74

(Ps. 107:1, Ps. 118:1)

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

*** THE BENEDICTION**

LBW P. 74

(Numbers 6:23-27)

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen *(Sing in a three fold Amen)*

*** THE CLOSING HYMN**

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

WOV # 652

(Blue book)

*** THE DISMISSAL**

(Luke 7:50)

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

“To Celebrate the Day”

Ritter

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Cleo Frymyer, Joyce Imhoff, Diane Morris, Betty Stemplinger, Greta Stork, Edie Sweigart, Deb Andrews (Miriam Moore's daughter), Mark Fordney (Judy Kauffman's nephew), Kathy Freese (Gary Horner's daughter-in-law), Sam Graci (Connie Ditzler's brother), Michael Linn (David Linn's son), Susan Moore (Miriam Moore's daughter-in-law), Gary Winters (Charlie Winters' brother), Bruder Family

Dutch Apple Dinner Theater on Saturday, March 18 to see Sister Act. Form with more information is available in the narthex and lobby. See Jim Kimmel with any questions. **Reservations are due February 5.**

Managing Motherhood: Items needed this month:

Diapers- size 6, pull ups 3T/4T, baby wash, baby wipes, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, sanitary napkins regular and light, tampons super

Ephrata Area Social Services (EASS) January needs:

- **Canned peas**
- **Syrup**
- **Shampoo**

Collection box is located in narthex and basket in east lobby. Thank you for your donations.

Volunteer at Reuzit on State on Friday, January 27, 1-3 PM. Let Miriam Moore know by January 25 if you can help.

Upcoming Bible Studies. Class meets at 9:00 AM and concludes by 9:45 AM. We will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room.

22 January 2023 Upcoming Commemorations for the week

29 January 2023 Looking forward to Candlemas

5 February 2023 History of North American Lutheran Hymnals/Worship Books

12 February 2023 Transfiguration Lessons

19 February 2023 Why Ash Wednesday?

26 February 2023 A history of Lent and its Biblical basis

First Sunday in March Fellowship Event

Chili with beans or chili with no beans? That is the question! The Fellowship and Membership Care Committees are joining forces to have a chili cook-off on Sunday, March 5. This will coincide with our Fellowship Sunday for March.

We are hoping members of the congregation will volunteer to cook their favorite pots of chili and bring it in a crockpot to share. During Fellowship time after the service, we will taste-test the chili and cast our votes for the best tasting chili.

As part of this event, the Membership Care Committee will offer pottery bowls to be purchased for \$10. All proceeds from this event will be given to "Mountaineer's Table" which is a program to help our school district's families help feed their children. After taste-testing, the pottery bowls can be used to enjoy more of your favorite chili along with corn bread and salad (both are compliments of the Fellowship Committee). Disposable bowls will be available to use if you do not wish to purchase a pottery bowl.

A sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex if you are interested in making chili AND/OR purchasing a bowl. To plan accordingly, the deadline for ordering a bowl will be Sunday, January 29, 2023. Please pay Stephanie Frymyer or Lisa Borry on Sunday, March 5 (cash or checks made payable to Salem Lutheran Church).

We look forward to another fun fellowship event.

Engaged in Mission

Last year we reorganized our mission committees at Salem Church. Each Committee has an assigned mission to carry out in order for our entire church to be in mission on the west end of Ephrata. Remember, God has placed us at this address for a purpose.

In order for us to carry out that mission, we need each member who is able to be engaged. The Engaged in Mission sign up table will be located in the lobby in January 2023. Current members for each committee will be listed. If you do not want to serve another year, simply cross your name off (and hopefully sign up for another committee). If you are interested in serving and did not serve last year, this is your chance to get onboard!

Each committee's mission profile is on the sign up sheet. Read it over and sign up. Committees will begin meeting regularly in February 2023.

Greeter	Jim and Cindy Sutton
Usher	Stephen Shiffer
Acolyte	Abby Goodman
Lector	Deb Hansell
Communion Assistant	Peter Shiffer
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
clean up	Deb Hansell

Today	8:30 AM	Choir
	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:45 AM	Teleconference service
		Pipeline articles due
Tues.-Friday	9:00 AM	Preschool
Monday	5:00 PM	TOPS
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion
Friday	11:00 AM	Pipeline assembly Rm. 6
Saturday	9:00 AM	Managing Motherhood

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